



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, Resident Agent in Charge William Wallrapp of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Resident Agent in Charge Mickey Leadingham of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and Colonel Bryan Tuma of the Nebraska State Patrol, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Edgar Prado was sentenced on November 19, 2009 by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge. He was ordered to serve 121 months incarceration following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, to be followed by a 5 year term of Supervised Release. He will also forfeit \$2,696.00 in United States currency. He was also ordered to serve 121 months incarceration for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, to be followed by a 5 year term of Supervised Release. He must pay a \$100 Special Assessment in each of the two cases. Both sentences are to be served concurrently. Mr. Prado was also ordered to serve 12 months incarceration for a violation of supervised release which is to be served consecutively to the 121 month sentence.

Mr. Prado's arrest was the result of an investigation involving the Southeast Area Drug Task Force (SEAD), the Otoe Co. Sheriff's Dept. and the Nebraska State Patrol. His Federal prosecution was with the cooperation of the Otoe County Attorney. Mr. Prado's second conviction was the result of a large scale investigation concerning cliques of the Sureno gang by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). That investigation resulted in 30 Indictments, including Mr. Prado's.

Name of Defendant: Edgar Lewis Prado

AKA: a/k/a Edgar Prado, a/k/a Chewy, a/k/a Gustavo Leon

Age: 27

City of Residence: Nebraska City, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine: imprisonment of 10 years to life, a fine of \$4,000,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of at least 5 years, and a \$100 special assessment. Distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine: imprisonment of 5 to 40 years, a fine of \$2,000,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of at least 4 years, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: (1) 22 Rd. and Hwy. 2, Otoe County; (2) Sun Mart Grocery parking lot 1340 W. O St. Lincoln.

Location of Arrest: Hwy. 77 and West O St., Lincoln, NE

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Laura Jo Ureste - Sentenced to 70 months on August 13, 2009.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Conspiracy: (1) at least as early as on or about December 1, 2006, and continuing through on or about July 1, 2008 and (2) January 29, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: February 6, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 1/22/09; 6/16/09

Initial Appearance Date: 2/10/09; 8/13/09

Plea Date(s): 6/9/09

Sentencing Date: 11/19/09

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: None

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Piester

Held without Bond: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since: February 6, 2009.

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: AEB